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1. HERewith FULL TEXT MARVINE HOWE BY-LINER NEW YORK
TIMES FRIDAY 12 AUG HEADED "HUSSEIN, AFTER VANCE VISIT,
URGES ARABS TO UNIFY IN FACE OF DANGER."

1. AMMAN, JORDAN, AUG 11--KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN CALLED
ON THE ARABS TODAY TO UNIFY RANKS AND BYPASS THEIR DIFFER-
ENCES IN THE FACE OF "THE AGGRESSIVE, RACIST ATTACK."

2. THE KING MADE HIS SOBER APPEAL DURING ELABORATE FES-
TIVITIES MARKING HIS 25 YEARS ON THE THRONE. EARLIER HE
WAS BRIEFED BY SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE OF THE
UNITED STATES ON ISRAEL'S HARD LINE ON A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

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3. JORDANIAN OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM AFTER
MR. VANCE'S 11-DAY MIDEAST TOUR. WHILE THEY FEEL THE
ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER, MENAHEM BEGIN, WILL MAKE NO COM-
PROMISES, THEY BELIEVE THE UNITED STATES IS DETERMINED TO
ACHIEVE AN OVERALL PEACE SETTLEMENT.

4. THE MOOD IN OTHER ARAB CAPITALS RANGES FROM MODERATE

HOPE TO GLOOM, DEPENDING ON DEGREE OF CONVICTION THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL IMPOSE A PEACE SOLUTION.

5. IN CAIRO OFFICIALS STILL TALK ABOUT A GENEVA CONFERENCE BY YEAR'S END, IN DAMASCUS BY SPRINGTIME, IN AMMAN BY SOME LATER UNSPECIFIED DATE AND IN BEIRUT, SPECIALISTS BELIEVE GENEVA IS DEAD.

6. THE DOMINANT FEELING IN THE ARAB WORLD IS THAT THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT FUNDAMENTALLY OPPOSES A PEACE CONFERENCE AND HAS THEREFORE RAISED PROCEDURAL OBSTACLES SUCH AS BARRING ANY REPRESENTATION OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, TO SCUTTLE THE TALKS. BUT THERE IS ALSO A GROWING CONVICTION THAT ARAB FLEXIBILITY MAY PAY OFF, IF NOT IN REACHING A PEACE CONFERENCE, AT LEAST IN BLAMING THE ISRAELIS FOR FAILURE.

7. ACCORDING TO SOURCES CLOSE TO THE AMERICAN DELEGATIONS, IN ALL THE MEETINGS WITH MR. VANCE, ARAB LEADERS SHOWED "A READINESS TO COMPROMISE," WHILE THE ISRAELIS DID NOT.

8. "THE ARABS MUST CONVINCE THE WORLD AROUND US OF THE JUSTICE OF OUR CAUSE," KING HUSSEIN TOLD SOME 35,000 CHEERING PEOPLE GATHERED AT THE SPORTS STADIUM TO MARK THE SILVER JUBILEE. THE THRUST OF TODAY'S COMMEMORATIONS WAS JORDAN'S DESIRE FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT. THERE WAS NO MILITARY PARADE, ONLY GYMNASTICS, A FLYPAST OF BALLOONS, UNCLASSIFIED

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THE RELEASE OF WHITE DOVES AND FIREWORKS.

9. THE 41-YEAR-OLD KING PLEDGED TO BUILD "A NEW SOCIETY" FOR HIS COUNTRYMEN AND TO DEFEND "THE SACRED VALUES OF THIS HOMELAND." HE CALLED FOR ARAB SOLIDARITY AND WARNED AGAINST TAKING ISOLATED, NEGATIVE OR VIOLENT POSITIONS.

10. "WE HAVE LEARNED THAT TO CONFRONT THE RACIST ATTACK IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO BUILD ARMIES BUT CALLS FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW SOCIETY WHICH BELIEVES IN REASON AND POSITIVE ACTION AND RENOUNCES DEMAGOGY AND EMOTIONS," THE KING DECLARED.

11. HIS PLEA FOR POSITIVE THINKING REFLECTS A GROWING REALIZATION AMONG ARABS THAT THEY STAND TO GAIN BY A SHOW OF MODERATION IN RESPONSE TO ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE.

12. LEADERS IN THE FIVE ARAB CAPITALS THAT MR. VANCE VISITED WOULD NOT CALL THE TRIP A FAILURE, BUT THERE WERE NO VISIBLE RESULTS. AS EXPECTED, EGYPT'S PRO-WESTERN PRESIDENT, ANWAR EL-SADAT, SAID HE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT A PEACE SETTLEMENT DESPITE ISRAEL'S HARD LINE. EVEN INDE-

PENDENT SYRIA'S MINISTER OF INFORMATION, AHMED ISKANDER,
CALLED THE VANCE VISIT "USEFUL" AND WORTHWHILE."

13. NOW SYRIA, JORDAN, EGYPT, AND SAUDI ARABIA PLAN INTEN-
SIVE CONSULTATION AND THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED
TO MEET AT THE END OF THE MONTH TO COORDINATE THEIR POLI-
CIES ON A PEACE CONFERENCE. CHRISTOPHER

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